(b) if so, the details of programmes to be aided by the UNDP, State-wise; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for the purpose, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) UNDP assistance is routed through the Country Co-operation Framework (CCF-I) which comprises of a number of programmes being executed by various Ministries/ Departments. In so far as the Ministry of Rural Development is concerned, one programme under this Country Co-operation Framework namely "Community Based Pro-Poor Initiatives Programmme" is being executed by this Ministry. Under this programme a number of sub-programmes are taken up. One such sub-programme is "Social Mobilisation and Community Empowerment for Poverty Alleviation" which is being implemted in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) This sub-programme is being implemented in 20 mandals of Mahabubnagar, Kurnool and Anantapur districts of Andhra Pradesh by District Rural Development Agencies, Mahabubnagar, Kurnool and Anantapur. The objective of the programme is to strengthen and invigorate the process of empowerment of the poor and disadvantaged sections in the community and promote sustainable Iivelhoods and build capacities through a process of Social Mobilisation.

(c) The sub-programme will be implemented for a period of three years upto the end of December 2001 with an outlay of Rs. 7,64,34,000 (US$ 1,812,521).

Resturcturing of Rural Development Schemes

1503. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the proposal for restructuring the rural development schemes; and

(b) the steps proposed to ensure that funds granted to revamp the credit delivery system reach the end users?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) Government have revamped the rural development schemes effective from the current financial year. Guidelines for the revamped schemes have already been issued. Self-Employment Programmes have been revamped by merging Integrated Rural development Programme (IRDP), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Supply of Improved Tool-Kits to rural Artisans (SITRA), Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM), Ganga Kalyan Yojana (GKY) and Million Wells Scheme (MWS) into a holistic scheme called Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) with the objective of establishing a large number of micro-enterprises in the rural areas and building upon the potential of the rural poor. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana has been revamped as Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana with the primary objective of creating demand driven village infrastructure, including durable assets to enable the rural poor to increase the opportunities for sustained employment. Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) has now been made an allocation based scheme.

UNDP Assisted Programmes for Handloom, Handicraft Sericulture Sectors

1505. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various programme to be launched through UNDP assistance in handloom, handicrafts and sericulture sectors in the country;

(b) the various special programmes on sericulture, handloom and handicrafts proposed to be taken up in the North East during the Ninth Five Year Plan and present status of their implementation; and

(c) the status of implementation of work-shed cum Housing Scheme in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Under Fibers and Handicrafts Programme (FHAP) of the Government of India-UNDP Country Cooperation Framework-I (CCF-I), *inter-alia* three programmes covering non-mulberry silk, hand knotted carpets